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HOW GEN. VILAS LIVES AND WORKS.

Interesting Gossip About the Home Life of
Our Postmaster-General.

[From the Richmond Times.]

Gen. Vilas lives very nicely in Washington. His house is a large three-story brick, just opposite that of Mrs. Admiral Dahlgren, looking out to the Thomas statue, and on the next block to that of Secretary Bayard. Mrs. Vilas entertains here to a considerable extent, and I have heard it conjectured that her entertainments this year will surpass those of the past, on account of the coming presidential campaign, and because the wheels of the household will be oiled with the golden grease of the Gogebie mines. Mrs. Vilas is a very accomplished lady. She is one of the prettiest women in Washington, and she has a daughter who is like unto her. Miss Mollie Vilas is one of the bright leaders of the young girls of Washington society, she was president of the oblation dinner which was given to the children last Christmas, and she is a very pretty little girl.

Gen. Vilas is one of the money-making statesmen of this country. He has a natural gift for the accumulation of the almighty dollar as has John Sherman, and his friends say that he has devoted himself to business instead of law he would already have many times a millionaire. He comes by his money-making faculty honestly. He is the paternal grandfather, Moses Vilas, owned an acre farm in Vermont and left a fortune when he died, and his maternal grandfather, Nathan Smiley, was the Ben Franklin of his section. He was sharp, shrewd and full of wise sayings, and the Democrats ran him so often for governor of Vermont that, though he was never elected, he came to be known as Gov. Smiley. He made a fortune out of his sagacity, and his name is in the good circumstances when he went to Wisconsin.

William F. Vilas himself received something of a start from his father, and his name is in the water as the tale of it. Vilas can look out upon the water as he writes his briefs, and the chances are that when he is through he will go down and take a row upon the lake. He is a great walker, and sports, and has an interest with him like skims about the lake in winter. He likes to pitch quoits, play ball and ride horseback. He is a great walker, and there is not a street in Washington that his patient feet have not trodden. He takes a morning friend with him on these trips, and they often walk over six miles at a stretch. His frame is well toughened, and he has more good hard muscle to the square inch than any man in the Cabinet. He likes a good horse, and drives one when he is in Madison. For fifteen years he lived on a farm, within a few miles of the town, and drove in and out every morning. Vilas is a good talker. He is full of army stories, and his experience as a lawyer and a statesman has been so extensive that he has a fund of anecdote.

I am told at the Post-Office Department that Vilas is a hard worker. He is known to be at his desk between 9 and 12 A. M., and rapidly goes over his mail. The Postmaster-General gets several hundred letters daily, and he reads them all, chief clerk run through these first, and he is hindered only those which it is necessary for him to see. He answers over them all, and he writes his answers rapidly, and when they are finished begins his morning papers. There are many which require his signature, and he writes his name at the end of each in a fine Italian hand. By this time it is 11 o'clock, and callers begin to come. He receives them generally standing, and then eats a bite of lunch, which is brought up into his office from the restaurant below. Then the different chiefs of division come in, and the various knotty things in the department are proposed to him. Many of these arise daily, and they are known among some of the employees as "Vilas' questions." The next morning looks over the answers which are prepared for him. He works alone until 4 o'clock, when all the department clerks leave, and often stays at his desk until 6 o'clock and later.

Very Polished.

[From the Pittsburg Chronicle.]
"The people of the western part of Russia are very refined, I believe," observed the Major.
"I didn't know it," replied the Judge.
"Is that you?" "Why that section of the Empire is noted for its politeness."

TOM BOYLAN, THE PLUNGER.

Why He Failed to Get a Tip on Florence M.
from Father Bill.

[From the Washington Herald.]

Every man who goes into the pool-rooms in Washington knows Tom Boylan, the Baltimore hotelkeeper, who, before the advent of Pittsburgh Phil, was the big plunger of these parts. Boylan is a small, slim, pale, black-haired, freckled, Irish-looking man, with a keen eye, good clothes and a quiet manner. Many a hundred has he taken out of our Washington bookmakers, and a bet from Tom Boylan has generally caused a cut in the odds. He has also several times been the winner of big combinations of \$1,000 and \$1,500 at a clip. Boylan generally plays on information direct from the tracks where the races are going on, and it has been remarked by pool-room habitués that his "tips" have generally been remarkably good. Like most plungers with means, Tom Boylan cultivates the acquaintance of trainers and owners in order to be near the sources of inside information. Among his other esteemed friends on the turf, or perhaps it would be better to say was Father Bill Daly, but there is a coolness between Father Bill and Tom Boylan, dating from the day Florence M. won her race in the mud at Ivy City last week. Mr. Boylan thought his friendly relations with Mr. Daly were such as to entitle him to a hint when any of the good things in the stable were coming off. So after Father Bill's pretty black mare had galloped in half a dozen lengths ahead of her big field, Boylan met him, and with some profanity asked why he was not told of the contemplated coup.

"I couldn't tell you, my boy," said Father Bill. "I didn't know it. I had only \$15 on the mare myself, and I knew she couldn't lose. But I couldn't tell a soul, on my honor I couldn't."
"Great heavens!" with other curse words, said Boylan. "You knew the mare would win and not tell a friend like me! And you only had fifteen dollars on her? It isn't possible!"
"Yes, it is, my boy; it's the truth I'm telling you. I'd put fifteen dollars in her inside pocket at fifty to one, don't ye know, and wasn't that enough? D'ye think I want the air? An' I had to keep it to myself, for if I'd told ye, me boy, ye'd a put five hundred dollars on it, an' ye'd a told some one else, and they'd have told it, too, and ye'd have lost me a money on it. The ring and spilt the barrel an' knocked it down to tin to one before I got me own money on, so I just had to keep it to myself, don't ye see?"

There are a good many others like Father Bill, who would rather see the money stay in the bookmaker's hands than have it get into those of his friends. They will hasten to tell you, "I had fifty on Vonburg to seven hundred and fifty," but it is always after the race and not before, and they explain to their friends "how strong they had it."

An Honest Explanation.

Poultry Dealer—How does it happen that all the turkeys I bought from you have their crops filled with shot?

Grainger—Filled with shot?

P. D.—Yes, as full as they could hold. Now, you know I'm not going to stand any business of a—

G.—Don't be hasty, mister, don't be hasty. I kin tell you how that happened. Instead of cutting the turkeys' heads an' putting up the places with their blood, I took my old gun—she's rattier—an' loaded her up, an' let her out fowls one by one. The job for 'em an' I had the sport into the bargain.

P. D.—But that doesn't explain the presence of shot in their crops, many others like Father Bill, who would rather see the money stay in the bookmaker's hands than have it get into those of his friends. They will hasten to tell you, "I had fifty on Vonburg to seven hundred and fifty," but it is always after the race and not before, and they explain to their friends "how strong they had it."

No Need of Rushing.

[From the Rochester Times.]
Messrs. Howells, Curtis, Warner and Lawrence Huston will continue with the Harpers during 1888, and will draw the snug little sum of \$25,000 for their combined salaries. It is pretty good pay, but the publication of the fact need not lead anybody to leave a comfortable situation in any lines to endeavor to tug their fortunes in the literary field. There is just as large a company of starving scribblers as ever there was.

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